

The Smithfield Town Council held a work session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 6:00 pm. in the Council Chambers of the Smithfield Town Hall. Mayor John Lampe, II. presided.

Councilmen Present:

Marlon Lee, District 1
J. Perry Harris, District 2

Councilmen Absent

M. Andy Moore, Mayor Pro-Tem
Travis Scott, District 3
Roger A. Wood, District 4
Emery D. Ashley, At-Large
Charles A. Williams, At-Large

Administrative Staff Present

Paul Sabiston, Town Manager
Greg Siler, Finance Director
Ken Griffin, Public Utilities Director
Gary Johnson, Parks and Rec Director
Shannan Williams, Town Clerk

Mayor Lampe called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm. Due to a lack of quorum, no actions were taken.

Discussion

1. Preliminary Budget Discussion

a. Non Departmental

Town Manager Paul Sabiston reviewed the Non-Departmental expenditures with the Council.

The following topics were discussed:

- Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation
- Projected Election Expenses
- The Town's contribution to the Ava Gardner Museum.
- The Town's contribution to the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Town's contribution to the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield.

Councilman Harris stated that he would like to have a report from the Raleigh Area Development Authority concerning the Talent Enhancement Grant now that the project was completed.

Councilman Williams stated that he would like to use some of the funds in the economic development budget to enhance the Town's website.

b. Public Utilities

i. Water Plant

Public Utilities Director Ken Griffin explained that there are three major projects that need to be completed for a more permanent solution to the sand infiltration problem. These projects will be costly, but they are necessary.

ii. Water/Sewer

Public Utilities Director Ken Griffin explained that funds will be needed for infrastructure repairs to water lines. Funds will also be needed to address the infiltration and inflow issues of the sewer lines.

iii. Electric

Public Utilities Director Ken Griffin informed the Council that there would only be one major capital project needed for the Electric Department. He explained that the upgrades will be done to the Brogden substation in order to phase out the old substation on Hospital Road.

Councilman Harris questioned the status on the agreement between NCEMPA and DEP. Mr. Sabiston responded that it is continuing to move forward with a target date for the closing to occur in July

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

John H. Lampe, II , Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannan L. Williams, Town Clerk